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July 1, 1981

Dear Mr. Pursell:

I am responding to your inquiry of June 2 enclosing correspondence from Robert Uta concerning proposed legislation to make Raoul Wallenberg an honorary U.S. citizen.

The Department of State supports this legislation. Secretary of State Haig has personally expressed the Administration's support for the bill to Congressman Thomas Lantos, sponsor of the legislation. We have great admiration for Raoul Wallenberg's humanitarian acts and we are committed to the effort to clarify Wallenberg's fate. The United States has been cooperating and will continue to cooperate with the Government of Sweden to resolve the Wallenberg case. Wallenberg is a Swedish citizen and a Swedish diplomat, and the Soviets are obligated to account to the Government of Sweden for their actions in the Wallenberg case. Legislation making Raoul Wallenberg an honorary U.S. citizen will have no effect on his legal citizenship, which will remain Swedish.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the formal statement on the Wallenberg legislation submitted to the House Committee on the Judiciary by Acting Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, R. Allen Holmes. Mr. Holmes' testimony was delivered before the Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law of the House Judiciary Committee on June 23, 1981.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosures:

- 1. Correspondence Reference.
- 2. Formal Statement on Wallenberg.

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